

REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

*In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, relative to an Increase of  
Salary of Clerks in that Department.*

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MAY 5, 1836.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

May 4, 1836.

SIR: In answer to the resolution of the Senate calling for information respecting the compensation of the clerks in the Executive Departments, I have the honor to report that, under present circumstances, I do not consider the compensation allowed to a considerable portion of them, adequate to their services and support. I think, therefore, that an increase in their allowances should be made, and upon the following principles.

I would propose that all salaries much less than one thousand dollars be raised to that amount. One thousand dollars is as low a sum as ought to be paid to competent clerks, particularly as many of them have families dependent upon them. I would therefore propose that these salaries be increased to one thousand dollars; that the nine-hundred-and-fifty and one-thousand-dollar salaries be increased to twelve hundred dollars; and that the salaries between one thousand and twelve hundred dollars, including the latter, be increased to fourteen hundred dollars. I do not recommend that any addition be made to the fourteen-hundred-dollar salaries, except for the heads of bureaux having peculiar labor and responsibility, and to render them equal to others performing similar services. The chief clerks of the Indian office and of the Pension office ought to receive one hundred dollars in addition to their present salaries, so as to make their annual compensation seventeen hundred, instead of sixteen hundred dollars. The chief clerks in the various Treasury bureaux receive salaries of seventeen hundred dollars. I would farther recommend that the chief clerks in the following military bureaux, to wit: the Quartermaster General's office, Engineer office, the Ordnance office, and the Adjutant General's office, receive a salary of sixteen hundred dollars, and that the chief clerk in the Bounty Land office receive the same sum. That is the amount already allowed by law to the chief clerk in the Subsistence department. The chief clerk in the Pay department receives a salary of seventeen hundred dollars.

I have not included the allowances made to the sergeants doing duty as clerks in the military bureaux, and to a number of the extra clerks, because a provision has already been inserted in the appropriation bill, and will probably pass, dispensing with their employment hereafter. I presume that some other legislative arrangement will be made for supplying their places. I annex a statement, showing the amount now received by the various clerks of the Department, and the additions that will be made to their compensation, should the recommendations herein contained be carried into effect.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

LEW. CASS.

Hon. M. VAN BUREN,  
*President of the Senate.*

*List of Clerks in the office of the Secretary of War, and in the various bureaux of the War Department, showing the amounts now received by them, and the additions proposed.*

Office where employed.		Names.	Amount now rec'd.	Proposed addition.
Secretary's office,	-	C. A. Harris,	\$2,000	
		L. L. Van Kleeck,	1,600	
		John T. Cochran,	1,400	
		William Ward,	1,400	
		W. Robinson,	1,000	\$200
		Jos. D. Webster,	1,000	200
		Charles Calvert,	800	200
Bounty Land office,	-	William Gordon,	1,400	200
		Edward Stephens,	1,000	200
Indian office,	-	Daniel Kurtz,	1,600	100
		Hezekiah Miller,	1,400	
		Samuel J. Potts,	1,000	200
		Tim. R. Cruttenden,	1,000	200
Pension office,	-	George W. Crump,	1,600	100
		Wm. S. Allison,	1,400	
		French S. Evans,	1,400	
		H. H. Sylvester,	1,400	
		Vinal Luce,	1,200	200
		John D. Wilson,	1,200	200
		D. A. A. Buck,	1,200	200
		Wm. M. Stewart,	1,000	200
		D. D. Addison,	1,000	200
		Daniel Brown,	1,000	200
		Reuben Burdine,	1,000	200
		George Taylor,	1,000	200
		Daniel Boyd,	1,000	200
		S. A. Elliot,	1,000	200
		E. W. Smallwood,	1,000	200
		E. D. Bullock,	800	200
		Joseph Rowan,	800	200
Pension office,	-	Dennis McCurdy,	800	200
		A. S. Taylor,	800	200
Engineer office,	-	Benjamin Fowler,	1,150	450
		James C. Wilson,	1,000	200
		James Eveleth,	800	200
Topographical bureau,	-	Robert Fowler,	1,000	200

## LIST OF CLERKS—Continued.

Office where employed.	Names.	Amount now rec'd.	Proposed addition.
Subsistence office, -	Charles G. Wilcox, -	\$1,600	
	Richard Gott, -	1,200	\$200
	George Forsyth, -	1,000	200
Quartermaster Gen.'s office,	William A. Gordon, -	1,200	400
	Levin Belt, -	950	250
	Louis A. Fleury, -	840	160
Adjutant General's office,	Brooke Williams, -	1,150	450
	J. M. Hepburn, -	1,000	200
	J. L. Addison, -	800	200
Ordnance office, -	William Riddall, -	1,150	450
	Anthony G. Glynn, -	1,000	200
	George Welsh, -	800	200
	Morris Adler, -	800	200
Paymaster General's office,	N. Frye, -	1,700	
	William Rich, -	1,100	300
	Wm. D. Beall, -	1,100	300
Surgeon General's office,	Richmond Johnson, -	1,150	250
Clothing department, -	Timothy Banger, -	1,550	
	William C. Irvine, -	1,000	200
	William J. Smith, -	950	250

WAR DEPARTMENT, May 4, 1836.